

REDS READ YANKEE

"So keen is the interest of the Russian people in Anglo-American literature that waiting lists from six to eight months long prevail at all libraries in the Soviet Union," states Dr. Clarence Dykstra, southern California chairman of Russian relief "books for Russia" campaign.

PLANT FACILITIES

During July the total investment in new and expanded industrial plant facilities for Los Angeles county totaled approximately 5 million dollars, George J. O'Brien, chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce industrial development committee announced.

Keep Day Care Center Open, Council Asked

Torrance Lions club Tuesday noon adopted a resolution urging the City of Torrance, the State of California and the Area War Chest to take steps necessary to keep open the extended day child care center being operated at Torrance Elementary school.

The center is due to close on Oct. 31, with the expiration of the availability of Lanham act funds which were provided only for the duration of the emergency.

The Lions club asked the council to provide means for temporary operation until the needs of the center for funds can be met on a permanent basis.

Mothers sending their children there, while they work in local industry and commerce, have been paying \$3.00 per week for the care, with the balance of the budget met with government funds.

It was pointed out that the children of some mothers, widowed by the death of their husbands in action in World War II, are depending upon the extended day care center to care for their children while they go about their duties of earning the daily bread.

South Los Angeles Lions club met with the Torrance group and Vice President Tommy Smith, of the visiting club, presided. Another visitor was Deputy District Governor Ray Crist.

New Chemical Unit In Torrance Will Manufacture Liquid Type Fertilizer

Harry A. Medley, United Sulphur Co. head, has announced the formation of a new subsidiary firm known as the Medley Chemical Co., 1811 213th St. This division of the United Sulphur Co. will manufacture liquid plant foods, said to be more economical to apply than ordinary fertilizer.

According to Medley, the chemical dips into the irrigating water thus carrying the liquid food in a solution immediately to the plant. The use of a liquid fertilizer is an old practice that has proved successful, he said, but has not yet become universal in its use.

Production will begin within the next two weeks and a large consumption is expected all over the state, Medley reported. A field service is to be set up for the growers, with laboratory facilities for analyzing soils to determine deficiencies in necessary plant foods. Ten to 15 additional employees will work in the new unit.

These liquid foods are composed of the basic nitrogen, phosphoric acid, potash and other chemicals that are said to contain no odor in the finished product. Another thing, he pointed out, is that this method of fertilizing the plant, is cleaner in its application.

"My motto," he stated, "will be: 'Medley's Liquid Fertilizer, Music To Your Soil!'"

It was said that 95 per cent of the United Sulphur Company's production is used by the agricultural industry and the addition of the liquid food fertilizer will result in a year-round industry.

Child Care Centers Here May Be Closed

Mrs. Joy Prime, head teacher of the Torrance extended day care center for children of working parents, confirmed a recent report that all of these schools, backed with Federal funds, will close Oct. 31.

Mrs. Prime reported that she, with two other teachers, had operated this day care center since March, 1944, and felt that the need was just as great now as was before V-J day. She stated that although the attendance now is only half that prior to Japan's surrender, it will increase again due to the reemployment of these working parents, many of whom are women that have lost their husbands in the service.

She pointed out that "our moral obligation to these widows is just as great as our obligation to the returning service man." Many of these widows have temporarily withdrawn their children, she said, due to the recent layoffs, but will again have the need of this child care upon reemployment.

A meeting of the teachers of these centers was held Aug. 28, at the Van Ness school in Los Angeles to determine ways and means to organize for state and community funds. Mrs. Prime said that to date she could only hope for a general rally behind the organization's plans to continue this great need. It is hoped that War Chest or State funds might be used to handle this vital program.



HOME AGAIN . . . Mike Perovich, first sergeant with the 28th Division, Military Police, returned from the E.T.O. earlier this month for a 30 days' leave with his mother, Mrs. Anna Perovich, of 2057 Carson st., and other relatives and friends. Overseas more than two years he will report at Camp Shelby, Miss., at the conclusion of his leave. His brother, Nick P. Perovich, S. F. 1/c, is stationed at Camp Parks, following about two years' Pacific duty.

E. R. Dorchak Serving On U. S. S. Alabama

Ernest R. Dorchak, seaman 2/c U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dorchak, 119 West 220th St., is serving aboard the U. S. S. Alabama which in one month's time, raided the Japanese mainland twice, bombarded a Jap-held island north of Okinawa and rode unscathed through a violent typhoon.

One of the raids against the Nip homeland was uneventful, but during the other operation the "Mighty A," as the mariner is known to her crewmen, ran into a hornet's nest of Jap suicide pilots.

Scores of the Kamikaze planes were shot down outside the task force formation, but at least four came in close enough to be splashed by the guns of this and other ships. ALABAMA gunners claim credit for downing two of these planes and for assisting in destroying another.

A Kamikaze, a "Zeke"-type fighter, flew through clouds of ack-ack before singling out this ship as his target, but as he turned to make his death run his plane was hit and crashed flaming, a scant 300 yards away.

During her bombardment assignment, the ALABAMA turned loose her 5- and 10-inch guns to pulverize Jap shore installations.

The typhoon the battleship experienced pounded the 35,000-ton vessel for hours, causing her to pitch and toss heavily, but she came through undamaged.

Vernon E. Owens En Route Home From Europe

PFC Vernon E. Owens who is enroute home from Europe with the 6888 Central Postal Directory, was formerly a member of the Eighth Armored Division which supported the 35th Division in the battle for Rheingberg and other cities in the drive to the west bank of the Rhine River.

He is one of a group of Eighth Armored Division men transferred into the "Santa Fe" Division to fill vacancies created by the release of high-score men under the point system.

PFC Vernon E. Owens is the husband of Mrs. Billie Owens 1620 W. 220th St. Torrance, Calif.

He holds three Battle Stars and Combat Infantry Badge.

McMaster Asks Return of All OCD Gas Masks

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster has asked all persons having in their possession any Army training gas masks of the first issue to turn them in. These masks, he reported, were used for Civilian Defense and were to be returned to him at the war's end.

The Army has made a second request to Chief McMaster for the masks, and all possessors who have not complied are urged to return this property to the fire station at once.

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